



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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"...there is no inequality of significance amongst us except holiness..."
 "No hay desigualdad de importancia entre nosotros excepto la santidad..."

Second Sunday of Advent *December 10, 2017*



STAFF

Rev. Fred Valone.....Pastor
 Felix Ramos.....Permanent Deacon
 Kathy Boscarino.....DRE / Y M
 Maria Delgado..... Elem. CCE
 Marisol Urbina.....Administrative Asst.
 Rick Reed.....Music Coordinator
 Jill Baker.....Nursery Coordinator
 Pat Norfleet.....Bookkeeper
 Sylvia Vitela.....Secretary
 Laura Puente.....Custodian



Mass Schedules	
Saturday/ Sabado	5:30 pm English
Sunday/ Domingo	7:45 am English 10:45 am English 12:30 pm Spanish
Monday/ Lunes	No Mass
Tuesday; Martes-Friday / Viernes	7:15 am

Reconciliation Reconciliación	Adoration/Adoracion						
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Mass Intentions Of The Week

Sat	12/09	5:30 pm	James Slaughter	
Sun	12/10	7:45 am	Parishioners	
		10:45 am	Nicole Billnoske	
		12:30 pm	Perla Marisol de la Fuente	
Mon	12/11	No Mass		
Tues	12/12	7:15am	Staff Sgt. Christopher Lee Everett	
Wed	12/13	7:15am	Jan Gustafson	
Thur	12/14	7:15 am	June Davis (For birthday)	
Fri	12/15	7:15 am	Betty & Calle Wiley	
Sat	12/16	5:30 pm	Sylvia Yesenia Arteaga (For her birthday)	
Sun	12/17	7:45 am	Steve & Belia Aguayo (46th Anniversary)	
		10:45 am	Parishioners	
		12:30 pm	Manuela Zamora	

WEEKLY READINGS



Mon	12/11	IS 35:1-10; LK 5:17-26
Tues	12/12	ZEC 2:14-17 or RV 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; LK 1:26-38
Wed	12/13	IS 40:25-31; MT 11:28-30
Thurs	12/14	IS 41:13-20; MT 11:11-15
Fri	12/15	IS 48:17-19; MT 11:16-19
Sat	12/16	SIR 48:1-4, 9-11; MT 17:9a, 10-13
Sun	12/17	IS 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 THES 5:16-24; JN 1:6-8, 19-28

Rediscover the joy
in preparing for Christmas.

Sign up for **FREE** at
BestAdventEver.com/YoureInvited

Weekly Offering



Stewardship for December 3rd: \$12,263.74
St. Thomas Mission: \$2,588.68
Christmas Project: \$675.00

Thank you for your continued parish support!

Diocesan Service Fund As of December 4, 2017

Parish Goal \$37,000.00
Total amount paid \$42,370.57
Total amount pledged \$43,583.61
Paid over goal \$5,370.57

Pray for...

Recen por...

Judy Adib, Veronica Antwi, James Aubey, Irma Avalos, Brad & Carmen Bachman, Gene Barrett, Jordan Bergeron, Chelsea Brown, Fidelis Burton, Phillip Caito, Wren Colligan, Sunni Cook, Sabrina Coronado, Terry Corral, Melanie Davis, Colin Dufour, Victor Espino, Mary Gedelian, Ingrid Gonzalez, Mike Hillman, Dorothy Jordan, Sandra Kilgore, Kevin Kretschmar, Edwin Laake, Al Losack, Edward Lucas, Don Marcotte, Sam and Marie Martinez, , Lucy Mata, Coby Meinzer, Mable Milliet, Donna Moore, Floyd & MaryAnn Moore, Susan Montoya, Lourdes Mosqueda, Mike Phillips, Brenda Piñeda, Kathy Price, John Raia, Ana Marie Santos, John Sarlay, Kenny Sechelski, Kayden Bryn Shipley, Nathan Shroyer, Linda Skains, Cheryl Smith, Kathy Stoltz, Jean Stow, Ray Townley, Dorothy Townsend, Matthew Varnum, Maria Elena Valencia, Shirley Villareal, Rusty Wallace, Bill Walton, Alma Williams, Charlotte Rose Winkler, Rose Youngblood,



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Saturday/Sabado Dec. 23	5:30 p.m.	(English)
Sunday/Domingo Dec. 24		
Morning Mass / Misa en la mañana	9:00 a.m.	(English)
	11:00 a.m.	(Español)
Sunday/Domingo 24		
Christmas Eve / Misa de Vigilia	4:00 p.m.	(English)
	6:00 p.m.	(English)
	8:00 p.m.	(Español)
	Midnight	(English)
Monday /Lunes 25		
Christmas Day		
Día de Navidad	10:00 a.m.	(English)

If you are interested in helping further with the Christmas Project, we can use all helpers!! No experience needed! Call Mary at 936-581-2855 with questions or just show up to help!!

Christmas Project 2017 Work Schedule in the CCE Building:

- Monday, Dec 18:** 12:00-5:00, set up CCE rooms, move & organize gifts (need strong muscles and trucks)
- Tuesday, Dec 19:** 1:00-5:00, wrap and label gifts and last minute shopping!
- Wednesday, Dec 20:** 2:00-8:00, wrap and label gifts
- Thursday, Dec 21:** 4:00 until done! Fill food boxes
- Friday, Dec 22:** 9 AM, Deliver food and gifts!

You Are Invited to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day on Tuesday, Dec. 12th. Schedule of events for the day are as follows:



- Mañanitas . . . 5:00 a.m.**
(followed by light refreshments)
- Procession . . . 5:00 p.m.**
(starts at Sherwin Williams)
- Mass 6:00 p.m.**
Fellowship follows in the parish hall

It's time to "Be a Light for Christmas"! Look for "paper Christmas lights" hanging around the exits of church. Each light has a Christmas gift request on it. Take a light (or two!), purchase the item and return it (and the light) to church in the designated box before December 12. Monetary donations are also appreciated. We'll package the gifts for each family and deliver them on Friday, December 22 in time for Christmas. Packaging work schedule will be coming soon if you want to help with that phase of the project. Contact Mary at gedelian@sbcglobal.net or 936-295-6935 for questions or if interested in helping.

Ya es tiempo de "Alumbrar la Navidad de alguien". Busque "Luz de Navidad de papel" al salir de la iglesia. Cada luz tiene una petición de regalo por la Navidad. Tomar una luz (¡o dos!), compre el artículo y pongalo (y la luz) a la iglesia en la caja señalado antes de Domingo, 11 de Diciembre. También se aprecian donaciones monetarias. Nosotros empaquetamos los regalos para cada familia y los entregamos el Viernes, 22 de Diciembre, antes de Navidad.

Si está interesado en ayudar aún más con el Proyecto de Navidad, ¡podemos usar todos los ayudantes! ¡No se necesita experiencia! ¡Llame a Mary al 936-581-2855 si tiene preguntas o solo vengan a ayudarme! !

Proyecto de Navidad 2017
Horario de trabajo en el edificio CCE:

- Lunes, 18 de diciembre:** 12: 00-5: 00, configure las salas de CCE, mueva y organice los regalos (necesita músculos fuertes y camiones)
- Martes, 19 de diciembre:** 1: 00-5: 00, ¡envuelva y etiquete los regalos y las compras de última hora!
- Miércoles, 20 de diciembre:** 2: 00-8: 00, envuelva y etiquete los regalos ;
- Jueves, 21 de diciembre:** 4:00 hasta que termine! Llene cajas de comida
- Viernes, 22 de diciembre:** 9 AM, ¡entregue comida y regalos!

Sesiones de preparación para Bautismos
Miercoles, enero 11 y jueves 12, 7:00 p.m.

Por favor registre en la oficina parroquial antes de asistir las sesiones. El certificado de nacimiento debe ser presentado al tiempo de la inscripción.



Feed those in Need

The EDGE youth are collecting food for the poor from November 12th through December 17th. Canned foods may be placed in the designated totes in the back of the Church. Thank you for your support.

Los jóvenes de Edge están colectando comida para los pobres desde el 12 de noviembre hasta el 17 de diciembre. La comida se puede llevar a la parte posterior de la iglesia.

Food Drive



The food collected will benefit the St. Thomas Thanksgiving and Christmas basket ministry. La comida colectada beneficiará el proyecto del día de dar del Gracias y Navidad

What's Up in Edge—December 2017

3rd (Sunday) Edge 9:05-10:20 Parish Hall
 5th (Tuesday) NO STAY Sacrament Prep.
 10th (Sunday) Edge 9:05-10:20 Parish Hall
 12th (Tuesday) NO STAY Sacrament Prep. .
 17th (Sunday) **NO** Edge 9:05-10:20 Parish Hall
 21st (Tuesday) No STAY Sacrament Prep.
 24th (Sunday) **NO** Edge **Merry Christmas!**
 31st (Sunday) **NO** Edge 9:05-10:20 Parish Hall



S.T.A.Y. Ministry

Youth 7th -12th Grade

Contact/Contacto:
 Kathy Boscarino, DRE/Youth Minister
 kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org
 (936) 295-8159 (936) 520-6524

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works. Psalm 139:14



Prayer
 Fasting
 Almsgiving

2nd Sunday of Advent

¿Are you a high school youth?
 Eres un joven de secundaria?

Come Join Us!
 ¡Vengan a participar!



What's Up in Life Teen—November 2017

3rd (Sunday) **Confirmation 2018** Youth Center
 5th (Tuesday) No STAY Sacrament Prep
 6th (Wednesday) Life Teen 6:30-8:30 Parish Hall
 10th (Sunday) **Homeschool meeting** 9:15-10:30
 12th (Tuesday) No STAY Sacrament Prep. Returns 1/9/18
 13th (Wednesday) Life Teen 6:30-8:30 Parish Hall
 19th (Tuesday) Sacrament Prep returns 1/9/18
 20th (Wednesday) No Life Teen 6:30-8:30 Returns 1/10/18
 26th (Tuesday) No STAY Sacrament **Returns 1/9/2017**
 27th (Wednesday) **No Life Teen** 6:30-8:30 **Returns 1/10/18**



CDA Annual Goodie Basket Sale!

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will host their annual Christmas Goodie Basket & Bake Sale after all Masses this weekend of December 9-10 in the parish hall. Come shop with us for that special one-of-a-kind gift basket for that hard-to-buy-for person on your list. We will have a large assortment of beautiful baskets full of gifts and baked goods in all price ranges. We will also be selling those wonderfully delicious Texas pecans; \$12/1 lb. bag. We look forward to seeing you drop into the hall after Mass to shop and visit with us. We thank you for your past support and pray you will continue to support us again this year in our annual fund raising event for our organization. We wish you all a very blessed Advent and Christmas season.

Ministry Opportunity

Title: Virtus Coordinator

Duties:

- Work with ministry leaders to ensure all adults who work with or have contact with children and youth are approved by the Archdiocese
- Schedule various Virtus workshops and host such workshops.
- Provide an annual Compliance report to the Archdiocese.

Requirements:

- Catholic in good standing
- Trained in Protecting God's Children
- Ability to work well with employees, ministry leaders and volunteers
- Bilingual—Spanish/English preferred

For more information, please contact Kathy at kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org or by phone (936) 295-8159 or (936) 520-6524

Other Opportunities:

- Altar Server Coordinator

Living as Disciples – “whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did it for me.”

The St. Thomas Meals on Wheels ministry delivers hot meals prepared by the Walker County Senior Center to seniors on two routes every Tuesday. We always deliver in pairs and usually are scheduled to deliver about once every 3-4 weeks. We schedule in two-month blocks based on constraints provided to the scheduler. Delivery times vary but average about 1 to 1.5 hours.

The people you meet as you deliver will touch your heart in many ways and make you glad that you are being God's hands in feeding His hungry. After just a few deliveries you will find that you think of many of our seniors as friends rather than clients.

We are a collection of caring individuals with no leader—just a schedule coordinator. We have no meetings—just go about our Tuesday deliveries. While we are mostly comprised of members of St. Thomas, we do have a few members of other faiths.

If you would like more information, or would like to join our group, email Vic Sower at sowerv@shsu.edu or call Vic or Judy Sower at 936-294-9993. New members of our group are always scheduled with “veterans” for their first delivery. Our next 2 month schedule for January and February will be planned in the middle of December, so come join us now.

All ministry leaders,

As you are no doubt well aware the amount of space in our Sunday bulletin has been expanded for our church organizations ministries. This increase creates a wonderful opportunity for us all to promote the various ministries at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Community. Some of the ways that can be used to take advantage of this opportunity are member spotlights, meeting recaps, and a "did you know" section in which the organization highlights their purpose and/or history. These are just a few of the possibilities which could be utilized. There may well be other ideas that could suit your particular ministry. The whole purpose is to "publicize" your ministry thereby attracting new members.

Please consider making use of our valuable resource - The Saint Thomas the Apostle Sunday bulletin.

NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

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NOTICIAS QUE DAN CONSUELO

En un tiempo de preparación, relacionado en gran medida con cosas materiales, es bueno escuchar las palabras de Isaías: "Consuelen, consuelen a mi pueblo, dice nuestro Dios" (Isaías 40:1). En un tiempo de tanto nerviosismo y prisa, cuando nuestras cargas habituales se duplican a causa de los miles de preparativos navideños, podemos elegir amornar la marcha, dedicar un tiempo a curar las heridas y valorar el enorme regalo que estamos por recibir. Cristo, el Hijo de Dios, se ha convertido en uno de nosotros y conoce nuestras limitaciones humanas. Sin embargo, Dios, incluso ahora, nos está librando de las cargas que se nos amontonan por no prestarle atención a él ni a nuestros anhelos más profundos. El Señor llega, no como un rey con ejércitos poderosos, sino como un pastor que guía a los rebaños con amor y ternura. Isaías anuncia buenas noticias: nuestra servidumbre terminó, nuestros pecados han sido perdonados. El salvador que esperábamos está llegando, no por primera vez, sino al final de los tiempos, como nuestra salvación.

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Mass Intentions for the months of January thru June of 2018 may now be scheduled. Please keep in mind that Masses are not scheduled over the phone. You need to schedule them at the office.

Las intenciones de Misas se pueden programar para los meses de Enero a Junio, 2018. Misas se pueden programar en la oficina parroquial y no por el teléfono,



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE / SERVICIO PENITENCIAL DE ADVENTO

Day/Dia	Date/ Fecha	Time/horario	Parish/ Parroquia	City/Ciudad	
Thursday/ Jueves	Dec. 14	7 pm	Sacred Heart	Conroe	Bilingual
Tuesday/Martes	Dec. 19	6 pm	St. Joseph	New Waverly	Bilingual
Wednesday/ Miercoles	Dec. 20	6:30pm	St. Matthias	Magnolia	Bilingual

The St. Pio Fraternity of Secular Franciscans was canonically established on May 7, 2014 at St. Thomas Catholic Community. The OFS is a secular movement, established by St. Francis of Assisi more than 800 years ago. Our purpose is to bring the gospel to life where we live and where we work. We look for practical ways to embrace the gospel in our lives and try to help others to do likewise. For information Jeanette Slaughter (936)661-1025 or Stephen Farlow (936)355-1855.